

**Report of Inspector Berry (Safer Leeds) – West Yorkshire Police**

**Report to Licensing Committee**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Subject: Update on New Psychoactive Substances in Leeds**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4 (1), (3), (7) Appendix number:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

The Committee have already received a presentation from Inspector Berry from Safer Leeds on issues relating to the subject of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and their use in Leeds (“Legal Highs”)

**Recommendations**

1. The Committee is requested to consider and discuss the information presented by Safer Leeds as appropriate.

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report is submitted by means of an update to a presentation from Safer Leeds (from 10th March 2015) on the issues and ongoing work streams in Leeds pertinent to the sale and use of New Psychoactive substances (NPS).
- 1.2 Inspector Berry will attend the meeting and update members on new Legislation under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 due on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- 1.3 The Committee is requested to note that Members may be provided with information that is not normally in the public arena such as information pertaining to an individual; or the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) or relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime. In that case the Committee may be requested to consider a resolution to

exclude any members of the public present in order that the information can be discussed having regard to the Access to Information Procedure Rules and the Committees' own Rules of Procedure

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 Some Committee members may have previously received a presentation from West Yorkshire Police on the issue of NPS. Members will find attached to this report a guide produced by the Local Government Association, 'A councillors' guide to tackling new psychoactive substances'.

## **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to receive the presentation from West Yorkshire Police and consider and discuss the contents as appropriate

## **4 Background Documents<sup>1</sup>**

See attached, Psychoactive Substances Act Guide

The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.